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Arrivals.

November 26, YANORSE, British str., 789, E. Schulze, Canton 26th November, General - Bremen & Co.
November 26, HAIN, American ship, 824, Williams, Nagasaki 26th November, 8th, Co. - JARDINE, MATTHEW & Co.
November 26, GUNOA, French steamer, 797, Garesse, Saigon 21st November, General - LANDSTEIN & Co.

Clearances.

At the Harbour Master's Office, November 26th.
Canton, str., for Swatow.
Lemon, str., for Amoy.
Irene, for Takao.
Monsen, for Whampoa.

Departures.

November 26, FINE SHUN, str., for Shanghai.
November 26, PERRY, for Whampoa.
November 26, CAYDON CASTLE, str., for Shanghai.
November 26, ASIA, for Saigon.
November 26, MADAGASCAR, str., for Bangkok.
November 26, ANCHISE, str., for Shanghai.
November 26, ISO, for Bangkok.

Passengers.

Per Gunia, str., from Saigon - 60 Chinese.
Per Carinhoe str., for Swatow - 350 Chinese.

Reports.

The American ship *Essex* reports left Saigon on 8th November, and experienced moderate wind, mostly from the N.W. and Easterly, and fine weather throughout the passage.

The French steamship *Gungo* reports left Saigon on 21st November, and had strong northerly wind, but the passage was uneventful, and fine weather throughout the passage.

Vessels that have arrived in Europe from Ports in China, Japan and Manila.

(For last Mail's Advice.)
Lyon, from Hongkong, October 15.
Ulysses, from Hongkong, October 15.

Vessels Expected at Hongkong.
(Continued from last page.)
Alone, from Cardiff, April 28.
Lancaster, from Cardiff, May 29.
Robert, from Cardiff, May 30.
Brier, from Cardiff, May 30.
Coldstream, from London, June 30.
Mianca, from London, June 30.
Irish, from London, July 17.
American, from Cardiff, July 17.
Major, from London, July 17.
Gustav, from London, July 17.
Alfred, from London, July 17.
Bonal, from London, July 17.
Hopewell, from London, July 17.
Stedano, from London, July 17.
Lyon, from London, July 17.
Fry, from London, July 17.
Thyngvall, from London, July 17.
Gry, from London, July 17.
Gustav, from London, July 17.
Pardis, from London, July 17.
Martina, from London, July 17.
Iphigenia, from London, July 17.
Caroline, from London, July 17.
Christina, from London, July 17.
Augusta, from London, July 17.
Ganabadi, from London, July 17.
Formosa, from London, July 17.
Sir R. Peck, from London, July 17.
Carrick, from London, July 17.
Hermann, from London, July 17.
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Auction Sales To-day.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company, 1780 Hongkong, 26th October, 1875.

YANG-TSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.
The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Yang-Tse Insurance Association, 1780 Hongkong, 26th October, 1875.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS 800,000 TAELS.
The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Capital and Surplus, 1780 Hongkong, 26th October, 1875.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates. This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for an interest dividend of 18% for shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distribute among Policy holders equally, in cash, 10% of the profits of the Undersigned Business per cent to amount of premium contributed.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents, Policies, 1780 Hongkong, 26th October, 1875.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.
The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, North German Fire Insurance, 1780 Hongkong, 26th October, 1875.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance, 1780 Hongkong, 26th October, 1875.

FIRST-CLASS RISK.
A RETURN OF TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) will be made on the premium charged on all Insurances, such Return being payable on the issue of this Policy.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, First-Class Risk, 1780 Hongkong, 26th October, 1875.

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.
The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Transatlantic Fire Insurance, 1780 Hongkong, 26th October, 1875.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSPORT INSURANCE OFFICE.
The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, London and Oriental Steam, 1780 Hongkong, 26th October, 1875.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, China Fire Insurance, 1780 Hongkong, 26th October, 1875.

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To be Let.

THE HOUSES No. 5, 7, and 8, West Terrace. Apply to J. P. DA COSTA, 1615 Hongkong, 1st November, 1875.

THE PREMISES lately occupied by THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, Queen's Road. Apply to G. FALCONER, 1070 Hongkong, 26th July, 1874.

SOME HOUSES on PEDDARS HILL, No. 2, SEMOUR TERRACE. Apply to E. SMARF & TOLLER, 1828 Hongkong, 11th October, 1875.

A FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWN on the Praya, Waikato. Apply to S. E. BURROWS & SONS, 453 Hongkong, 26th March, 1875.

THE PREMISES known as "THE WOODLANDS," newly painted and in good Order. Apply to REMEDIOS & Co., 131 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1875.

THE PREMISES on the Praya, known as Messrs. DENT & Co.'s CENTRAL BUILDING. Apply to ROZARIO & Co., 1587 Hongkong, 25th October, 1875.

THE HOUSE No. 7, Gough Street. Apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., 1473 Hongkong, 26th September, 1875.

THE HOUSES No. 11, 13, and 15, Gage Street. Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., 1550 Hongkong, 26th October, 1875.

THE HOUSES No. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, lately in the occupation of Messrs. RAYAL & Co. Apply to THE ROUSE, No. 35, Wellington Street, lately in the occupation of Messrs. Roke & Co. Apply to THE DWELLING HOUSES and OFFICES, No. 44, Queen's Road, lately in the occupation of Messrs. G. DUBOIS & Co. Apply to THE HOUSES, No. 11, 13, and 15, Gage Street. Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., 1550 Hongkong, 26th October, 1875.

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Intimations.

FOR AUTUMN AND WINTER. SAYLE & CO. BGO to call attention to their Stock of GOODS (in the following Departments) suitable for the present and coming Seasons.

TAILORING DEPARTMENT. Black and Blue Berlin COATINGS. NOVELTIES in CHEVROTS and HOME SPUNS (suit lengths only).

A good selection of new Patterns in TROUSERS. A few Yest lengths of Fancy Berlin VESTING. Thin Blue SERGES, suitable for present wear.

White OBIKETING FLANNELS of various textures. Oxford TWILL SILK and WOOL, and ALL WOOL Pajama SUITS.

DRESSING GOWNS, &c. Gentlemen may rely upon their orders being executed with the utmost care and despatch.

OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT. Latest Shapes in Black and Drab FELT HATS, DRESS HATS, OPERA HATS, SMOKING CAPS.

New designs in SOUVENIRS, including the "Four-in-Hand Club," "Tennys," "Wind-surf," "Club House," and "Others."

COLLARS of various Shapes. DRESS SHIRTS, with Embroidered Fronts. LONGCLOTH SHIRTS, with Military Fronts.

Regatta and Oxford TWILL SHIRTS, a large assortment of Patterns. White and Colored MÉRINO and CASHMERE UNDER VESTS and PANTS.

SILK, BALBEGGAN, White and Fancy COTTON, and MÉRINO SOCKS. Knickerbocker STOCKINGS for Shooting.

HANDKERCHIEFS, Plain and Embroidered. White, Tarkins, Honey-comb, and other TOWELS.

Ball BLANKETS. Patent DRESS and KID SHOES. Single and Double Sole BOOTS.

Sole LEATHER OYERLAND TRUNKS, with Trays. SOUVENIR'S PATENT OVERLAND TRUNKS, with Trays.

PORTMANTAU, COAT CASES, Gladstone and Brief BAGS. CANVAS BAGS for Sailed Linen for Travelling.

WALKING STICKS. MERRISOMAN PIPES, CIGAR TUBES, &c. &c.

SAYLE & CO. QUEEN'S ROAD AND STANLEY STREET, HONGKONG. AND AT SHANGHAI.

DUO DE MONTEBELLO CARTE BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE. Quarts, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277,

Notices of Firms.

HAVING resigned my Situation in the Yuen Pat Hong, I have this day established myself as **MERCHANTS AND COMMISSION AGENTS**, under the Style of **"SUN CHEE & Co."**

C. SUN CHEE.
1835 Hongkong, 13th November, 1876.

THE Underwriter has been appointed **ALLIANCE** at this Port for Messrs. **HEMIST & KING & Co.** of London.

Office—No. 6, Stanley Street.
at 1755 Hongkong, 24th October, 1876.

NOTICE.

WE have Established ourselves at this Port as **SHIP CHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS, and GENERAL STOREKEEPERS**, under the Firm of **HEUBERMANN, HERBERT & Co.**

F. W. HEUBERMANN,
E. HERBERT.
19, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 1st November, 1876. [1610]

THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY.

For 1876.
(With which will be incorporated the CHINA DIRECTORY.)

THE Publisher requests that those who have not yet returned the printed forms which have been sent to them to fill up, will be good enough to do so without delay. Any persons who have recently arrived, and to whom printed forms have not been sent, are respectfully requested to forward their names and addresses as early as possible for insertion.

Daily Press Office, November 22nd, 1876.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 27th, 1876.

The Government of Japan has again lately been occupied with the question of army reform. In turning its attention to this matter, it has no doubt been mainly influenced by the demand recently made by **SANJIN** SAKURA that the new system of recruiting the army should be abandoned, and the samurai be henceforth regarded as the natural and sole defenders of the country. This demand was not only inhuman but unreasonable, and as such the Government wisely resisted it. By allowing the power of the sword to remain with one class the Government would endanger its existence, and render a return to the old feudal system more than a possibility. It would have been most profitable for any Government to acquiesce in a request, which if granted, would have had the effect of suspending above it a Damoclean sword. Not only would it have rendered good government difficult, but it would render good government impossible. The wheels of reform could not have been more effectively scotch than by harkening to the voice of the leader of the turbulent samurai. But fortunately for its own sake, and happily for the people, the Government of Japan saw the danger, and not only firmly resisted the demand but resorted to a decided step intended to counteract and suppress the movement.

This proclamation sets forth that the ancient feudal system having been abolished, it had become necessary to give the poorer classes liberty of action, and one step towards that end would be the amalgamation of the soldiery and peasantry. It was further announced that the people all owed obligations to the State, and that all were equal in the eyes of the law, the manner of repaying those obligations should be the same. "Given a country," proceeds the proclamation, "there must be a military establishment; if there be a military establishment, the nation must take service in it; therefore, if the question be decided, it will be seen that a law whereby soldiers are drawn from all ranks of the people, is a self-evident and natural principle, and no law founded on hasty conjecture. And in the establishment of such a law the past and present must be examined, and redactions made from both, and a system must be drawn up which shall be suited to the occasion." After commenting on the military systems in other countries, and remarking that as their forms of Government and geographical features differed from those of Japan, their laws could not be adopted in their entirety, the document continues—"The valuable portions of foreign systems will accordingly be selected and applied, to meet deficiencies in our military system; the two branches of navy and army will be established, and all youths throughout the country, belonging to the four classes of the people, of twenty years of age, will be enrolled on the military register, and held in readiness to meet any emergency which may occur." There is no doubt that for Japan a general conscription is the wisest policy. It has never found favour in England, it is true, but nearly all the other nations of Europe have had recourse to it, and Great Britain would, but for her insular position, have been compelled to follow their example. Without entering into the question of the best means of maintaining an efficient military organization, it may be broadly asserted that a general conscription will answer best in Japan. The Government should rule the army, not the army the Government. To permit the policy of the samurai to obtain the ascendancy in their councils, they would speedily lose all power.

What the Japanese Government has got to remember is that the heims, or the common people, are the real base and sinews of the Empire. The aristocracy should not be extinguished, but they must not be entrusted with too much power. If they were allowed their way the nation would soon be treading the path of retrogression, and all the progress which has been made since the Revolution would be obliterated. In dealing with this question the Government has had to grapple with the whole force of a class deeply interested in the preservation of privileges, which their ancestors have enjoyed for ages past. It is because these privileges and rights are menaced by the new footing on which the army has been placed that the Government is experiencing so much trouble from the samurai. The feudal

system in Japan was not unlike those prevailing in England and France a few centuries back. And it had the same effect. It was fatal to the liberty of the people; it rendered good government impossible. "The question of army organization," says the position of Japan towards foreign countries is of comparatively little moment; what is of real importance is that under no pretence should the nobles be suffered to monopolise the control of the forces. The struggle for supremacy has commenced, and will probably prove severe. The Government may avoid it by plunging into a foreign war, for which the conduct of the samurai has supplied a tolerable pretext. If instead of doing so, it decides to face the dangers to be apprehended from the discontent of the most powerful class in the Empire, and steadily pursue a policy of wholesome reform in the civil and military services, by which the ambition of the samurai may be kept effectually in check, it will deserve the success which usually attends such conspicuous conduct. But a war with Corea would only put off the evil day, without, perhaps, lessening the danger when it came.

The British steamship *Singapore* steamed round to the Aberdeen Dock on Thursday evening.

The British ship *Lancaster* was towed over to the Commodore's wharf yesterday, and taken in to the British steamship *Arcturion* after coming out this morning.

There will be Divine service as usual on board the *Eastern Monarch*, to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock. A steam launch will go round the harbour to convey those wishing to attend to and from the vessel.

The case of Whitall and another v. Benoit and others again before the Court. Mr. Benoit continued his observations for plaintiffs, and Mr. Handley followed on the same side. The case was ultimately adjourned till Monday.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO. COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at the Company's office, Hongkong, yesterday afternoon for the purpose of authorising certain alterations in the Articles of Association. The meeting was convened by Mr. J. H. B. Smith, Chairman of the Board, and was attended by a large number of shareholders.

The changes in the Articles of Association were approved, and the Board of Directors was authorised to carry out the same. The meeting was adjourned till the next meeting of the Board.

The following is the finding of the Marine Court of Hongkong in the case of the *Sunda* v. the *Marine Insurance Co. of India*, decided on the 23rd and 24th of November, 1876.

The *Sunda* was a steamship of 1,200 tons, registered in Hongkong, and was chartered by the *Marine Insurance Co. of India*. The ship was damaged by fire on the 23rd of November, 1876, and the claim for compensation was presented to the Marine Court.

The Court found in favour of the claimant, and awarded compensation for the damage done to the ship. The claimant was entitled to the full value of the ship, less the amount of the salvage.

The Court also awarded costs to the claimant, and ordered the defendant to pay the same. The judgment was delivered by the Chief Justice of the Court.

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